STATISTICAL ROUNDUP

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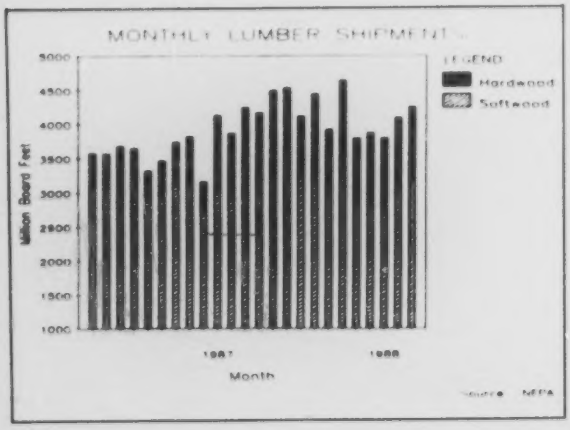
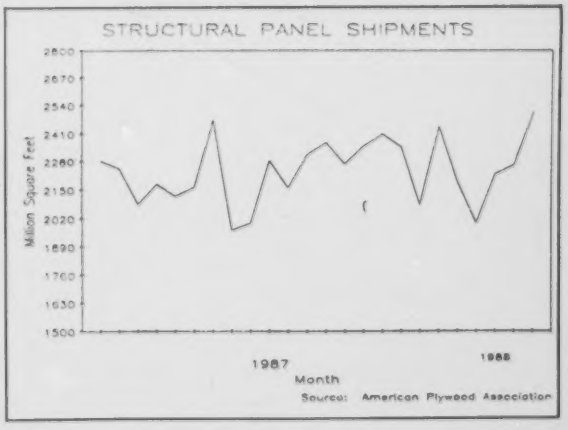
ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY PRODUCING REGION

	MARCH, 1988			MARCH 31, 1988		FEBRUARY REVISIONS		
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)					(Million Board Feet)		
SOFTWOOD LUMBER								
Southern Pine Region	1,050	1,039	1,018	789	2,056	966	946	985
West Coast Region	826	781	889	560	836	809	779	734
Inland Region	999	1,000	1,015	693	1,393	986	963	949
California Redwood Region	190	203	203	140	395	183	177	186
Other Softwoods	153	151	156	277	314	147	143	143
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	3,218	3,174	3,281	2,582	4,994	3,091	3,008	2,997
% Change - February 1988	4.1%	5.5%	9.5%	4.3%	0.9%			
% Change - March 1987	-5.7%	-4.8%	-1.9%	-0.2%	-0.8%			
TOTAL HARDWOODS	1,093	1,068	997	259	1,347	951	1,084	925
% Change - February 1988	14.9%	-1.5%	7.8%	-21.5%	1.1%			
% Change - March 1987	16.7%	12.9%	4.1%	-49.0%	-21.8%			
TOTAL LUMBER	4,311	4,242	4,278	2,841	6,341	4,042	4,092	3,922
% Change - February 1988	6.7%	3.7%	9.1%	1.3%	0.9%			
% Change - March 1987	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-8.2%	-6.1%			
	(Thousand Feet)							
FLOORING								
Oak Flooring (Bd. Ft.)	NA	18,117	NA	12,289	8,866		15,163	
Maple Flooring (Sq. Ft.)	1,083	900	1,372	4,189	2,542	1,000	792	1,040
STRUCTURAL PANELS (Sq. Ft.)	2,598,651	2,510,367	2,046,372	914,947	510,433	2,356,000	2,261,421	2,149,216
% Change - February 1988	10.3%	11.0%	-4.8%	15.6%	5.4%			
% Change - March 1987	9.8%	8.6%	-13.3%	15.4%	26.5%			





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YEAR-TO-DATE INDICATORS

	PRODUCTION		SHIPMENTS		ORDERS RECEIVED	
	Latest Period Availabl	% Change	Latest Period Available	% Change	Latest Period Availabl	% Change
	3 mo.'88	3 mo.'87	3 mo.'88	3 mo.'87	3 mo.'88	3 mo.'87
	(Million Board Feet)					
TOTAL LUMBER	12,176	0.6%	12,132	-1.7%	12,049	-5.2%
TOTAL SOFTWOOD	9,178	-2.7%	8,956	-3.7%	9,173	-5.2%
TOTAL HARDWOOD	2,998	12.1%	3,176	4.5%	2,876	-5.4%
	(Million Square Feet)					
STRUCTURAL PANELS	7,193	5.8%	6,992	3.6%	6,347	-8.0%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

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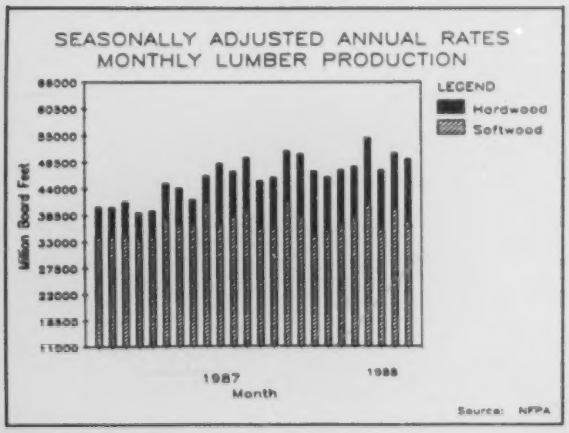
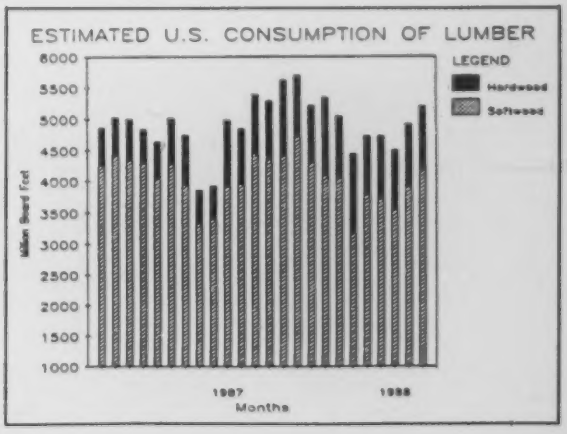
	PRODUCTION			SHIPMENTS		
		---% Change From--			---% Change From-	
LUMBER REGION	Mar. '88	Feb '88	Mar. '87	Mar. '88	Feb '88	Mar. '87
	(Million Board Feet)			(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine	12,419	-0.4%	2.7%	12,176	-4.7%	2.7%
West Coast	9,116	-6.1%	-18.1%	9,059	-11.8%	-20.4%
Inland	11,697	-13.7%	-3.5%	12,612	-10.4%	-1.2%
Calif. Redwood	2,259	0.9%	2.7%	2,569	8.0%	20.1%
Other Softwoods	1,817	-5.6%	-6.1%	1,840	-7.3%	-5.0%
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	37,307	-6.5%	-5.5%	38,254	-7.8%	-4.5%
TOTAL HARDWOODS	12,928	10.4%	16.7%	12,341	-5.9%	12.9%
TOTAL LUMBER	50,235	-2.7%	-0.6%	50,596	-7 3%	-0.8%

DOMESTIC LUMBER CONSUMPTION

U.S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Availabl	----% Change From--		Latest Period Availabl	% Change From
	Mar. '88	Feb '88	Mar. '87	3 mo.'88	3 mo.'87
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total Consumption	5,199	5.7%	-2.4%	14,623	-3.5%
Softwood Consumption	4,189	7.5%	-5.7%	11,622	-5.5%
Hardwood Consumption	1,010	-1.5%	13.7%	3,001	4.8%

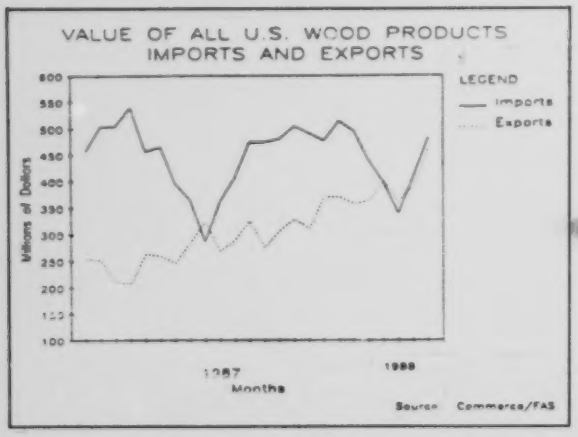


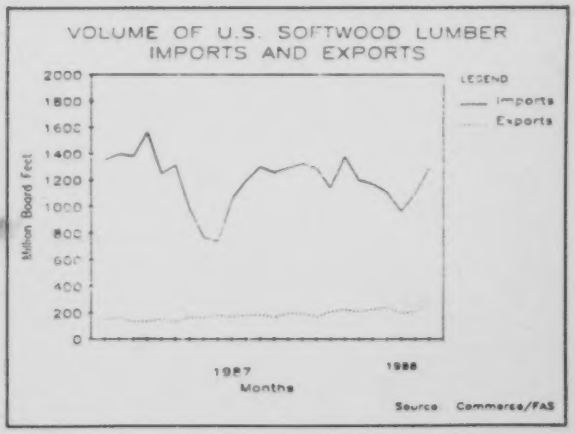


INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS

		VOLUME				VALUE (F.A.S. Thousands of Dollars)			
		Mar. 88	3 mo. 1988	% Change From Feb. '88	% Change From 3 mo. 1987	Mar. 88	3 mo. 1988	% Change From Feb. '88	% Change From 3 mo. 1987
EXPORTS									
SOFTWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	277.7	688.5	30.7%	25.6%	96,873	238,885	31.1%	21.7%
To Canada	MMBF	48.9	122.6	25.2%	30.4%	14,438	37,549	16.6%	59.0%
SOFTWOOD LOGS	MMBF	405.7	1,051.7	14.1%	11.8%	184,284	466,315	19.0%	48.1%
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSF 3/8"	69.9	296.9	-31.6%	3.8%	16,290	67,807	-28.0%	5.8%
HARDWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	102.1	282.1	10.1%	89.9%	55,277	151,361	11.7%	59.0%
HARDWOOD LOGS	MMBF	24.3	57.9	51.3%	45.7%	18,481	43,405	44.2%	17.7%
HARDWOOD VENEER	MMSFsurf	135.0	351.7	18.6%	15.3%	13,212	32,769	27.0%	28.0%
PARTICLEBOARD	MMSF 3/4"	34.4	72.4	66.2%	31.9%	6,036	15,701	12.7%	34.9%
ALL OTHER		NA	NA	NA	NA	65,913	167,173	8.8%	25.7%
TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS		NA	NA	NA	NA	458,632	1,190,673	16.7%	34.8%
IMPORTS									
SOFTWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	1,292.6	3,354.1	17.6%	-5.2%	272,244	693,805	22.5%	-0.5%
From Canada	MMBF	1,281.6	3,320.1	17.6%	-5.2%	268,838	683,376	22.8%	0.8%
SOFTWOOD LOGS	MMBF	3.3	13.9	-65.3%	207.7%	681	2,662	-61.7%	242.6%
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSF 3/8"	8.3	32.2	-30.9%	14.9%	4,381	11,735	13.5%	42.3%
HARDWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	44.5	107.1	31.6%	22.2%	24,919	57,254	32.5%	74.5%
HARDWOOD LOGS	MMBF	2.2	4.3	114.1%	-18.7%	430	1,109	40.5%	26.9%
HARDWOOD VENEER	MMSFsurf	163.8	446.9	6.3%	12.7%	15,357	41,454	4.9%	46.2%
HARDWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSFsurf	281.4	820.0	5.3%	-13.7%	47,754	135,397	7.0%	-0.7%
HARDBOARD	MMSF 1/8"	41.2	141.6	-39.5%	-27.8%	3,264	10,338	-29.2%	-33.1%
PARTICLEBOARD	MMSF 3/4"	159.8	422.6	12.5%	33.8%	14,306	37,629	15.9%	16.0%
ALL OTHER		NA	NA	NA	NA	93,724	245,034	17.0%	4.9%
TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS		NA	NA	NA	NA	481,807	1,249,821	18.2%	4.5%

Note: Volume total is not possible because the products are in different units of measure.
Note: Particleboard imports include OSB/Waferboard.
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, FAS.





U.S. TRADE TO MAJOR MARKETS

		VOLUME			% Change From	VALUE (F.A.S. Thousands of Dollars)			% Change From
		Mar. '88	Mar. '87	YTD '88	YTD '87	Mar. '88	Mar. '87	YTD '88	YTD '87
EXPORTS									
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY									
Softwood Lumber	MMBF	40,564	32,794	112,801	44.2	20,592	21,548	53,574	11.5
Softwood Logs	MMBF	3,386	215	4,771	351.8	1,301	136	2,312	285.9
Softwood Plywood	MMSF 3/8"	50,807	66,138	243,100	27.3	11,804	14,888	55,343	28.8
Hardwood Lumber	MMBF	34,072	12,776	90,898	165.4	22,186	10,702	59,325	107.4
Hardwood Logs	MMBF	7,551	3,824	21,484	60.4	8,679	8,109	21,112	24.5
Hardwood Veneer	MMSFsurf	69,188	67,789	172,752	7.8	7,636	5,831	18,369	29.4
Particleboard	MMSF 3/4"	2,304	5,158	5,151	(39.2)	721	1,645	1,587	(45.3)
Other		NA	NA	NA		8,234	8,801	19,933	-
Subtotal						81,153	71,660	231,555	31.1
PACIFIC RIM									
Softwood Lumber	MMBF	141,295	90,048	324,415	16.1	49,909	30,770	112,930	19.5
Softwood Logs	MMBF	364,246	280,295	932,785	20.2	176,255	103,066	443,550	54.8
Softwood Plywood	MMSF 3/8"	1,398	955	4,496	11.3	301	193	985	5.4
Hardwood Lumber	MMBF	25,115	12,118	75,393	104.6	13,855	9,597	41,038	45.5
Hardwood Logs	MMBF	12,086	4,615	24,057	68.8	7,570	5,496	16,566	23.7
Hardwood Veneer	MMSFsurf	27,765	16,043	83	67.5	2,057	1,588	5,939	26.8
Particleboard	MMSF 3/4"	13,955	9,762	30,010	31.9	2,937	1,504	6,384	87.0
Other		NA	NA	NA		29,560	17,564	74,675	-
Subtotal						282,444	169,778	702,067	45.1
IMPORTS									
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY									
Softwood Lumber	MMBF	159	125	186	(71.7)	44	64	51	(66.3)
Softwood Plywood	MMSF 3/8"	0	1,829	50	(97.4)	0	38	2	(96.6)
Hardwood Lumber	MMBF	147	531	1055	73.5	193	103	521	106.9
Hardwood Logs	MMBF	31	21	129	(95.3)	40	45	144	(5.7)
Hardwood Veneer	MMSFsurf	6,053	6,053	21,277	16.0	1,356	1,847	4,116	30.4
Hardwood Plywood	MMSFsurf	1,076	4,192	4,020	(36.7)	600	640	1,507	9.5
Hardboard	MMSF 1/8"	0	1	16	(96.3)	0	2	5	(91.0)
Particleboard	MLB	1,925	1,506	3,158	71.1	846	338	1,401	123.2
Other		NA	NA	NA		5,513	6,563	17,161	-
Subtotal						8,592	9,640	24,908	3.4
PACIFIC RIM									
Softwood Lumber	MMBF	257	0	6,966	NC	61	0	1,227	NC
Softwood Plywood	MMSF 3/8"	520	1,511	1,988	(62.2)	163	285	417	(59.0)
Hardwood Lumber	MMBF	390	123	985	(25.2)	297	148	812	11.9
Hardwood Logs	MMSFsurf	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-
Hardwood Veneer	MMSFsurf	588	26	802	(2.8)	168	11	208	104.7
Hardwood Plywood	MMSF 1/8"	53,521	60,614	129,082	(31.8)	11,766	11,217	30,463	(10.7)
Hardboard	MMSF 3/4"	0	4,184	65	(98.6)	0	180	5	(97.4)
Particleboard	MLB	42	0	928	2,614	3	0	330	6,962.7
Other		NA	NA	NA	NA	10,017	17,826	28,991	-
Subtotal						31,067	39,307	87,361	(25.6)

Note: EEC countries include: Belgium & Luxembourg, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom. PACIFIC RIM countries include: Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan.

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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, FAS.

HOUSING STARTS

	Apr. '88	Mar. '88	Apr. '87	4 mo. '88	4 mo. '87
	(Thousands of Units)				
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private & Public	151.3	131.6	159.6	451.4	-11.3%
New Private Starts:					
Seas. Adj. Annual Rate	1,561	1,552	1,635	6,014	-13.7%
Northeast	328	268	270	1,161	-2.6%
Midwest	328	268	300	1,081	-24.6%
South	592	563	664	2,211	-12.8%
West	376	432	401	1,555	-14.0%
Single-Family					
Proportion of Total	70.1%			72.4%	
	Mar. '88	Feb. '88	Mar. '87	3 Mo. '88	3 Mo. '87
Shipment of Mobile Homes	18,800	18,800	19,600	47,000	-9.4%

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

	Apr. '88	----% Change From--- Mar. '88	Apr. '87
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adj.)			
All Industries	104,835	0.2%	3.2%
All Manufacturing Industries	19,477	0.2%	2.5%
Lumber and Wood Products	752	0.0%	2.2%
Furniture and Fixtures	531	0.0%	5.4%